



Darlington High School

22-23 Report to Parents Welcome to the Falcon Family



We believe in you, and we hope you believe in yourself.

Our Vision

The vision of Darlington High School is to promote a safe, caring, positive, and innovative learning environment that empowers teachers to prepare students for the 21st Century through communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking.

Our Mission

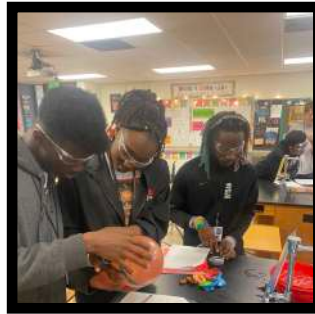
The mission of Darlington High School is to engage all students in relevant learning experiences to prepare them to be leaders and responsible citizens in our culturally diverse society.

We Believe...

All students can learn. Students learn through active involvement in relevant experiences. Student success will be enhanced by active support from the school, parents, and community. Cultural diversity enhances lives and society.

Learning is a lifelong process.

Instructional strategies should incorporate a variety of learning experiences to accommodate different learning styles.



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Become a Volunteer!

Together We Rise

Darlington High School (DHS) was excited to return for the 2022-2023 school year with a common theme of "Together We Rise." After so much separation, we wanted to come together in classrooms, clubs, athletics, and in our community to see positive growth.

As a school honored students who excel academically with Bravo Breakfasts and On a Roll Celebrations, as well as those excelling with social skills with field days and food trucks!

Our school continued our tradition of giving back to our community with various activities like clothing drives (JAG), supporting a local shelters (Anchor, NHS, Key Club, ECHP), performing for our local nursing home residents (Chorus), as well as donations for breast cancer research and McLeod's Children's hospital.

Our PTO once again began holding in-person events to encourage parents to return to campus, and we had huge success with our Open House event in August. We saw an increase in parental involvement on campus and parent volunteers.

The Class of 2023 has been focused their futures after high school by meeting the state standards required to be declared College or Career Ready, applying to colleges, serving in career internships, or joining the military.

Principal Cortney Gehrke said, "While there have been challenges readjusting after the pandemic, our school has come together to support one another, to help our students reach their goals, and to make a difference in our community. Together, we will continue to rise."

The Early College Honors Program

The Darlington High School Early College Honors Program is designed to offer ninth and tenth grade students the opportunity to take advanced courses in preparation to take actual college classes with certified college instructors in eleventh and twelfth grade. Successfully completing a college course by earning a C or higher will result in the student earning at least 3 hours of college credit for each class the student takes. Qualified students can take as many classes as their schedules allow or only a few that interest them. Truly driven and dedicated students can even earn a two-year associate degree by the time they graduate high school!

School Improvement Council

Goals

1. Increase the percentage of seniors graduating meeting CCR standards to 70%
2. Increase opportunities for parent involvement on campus (PTO, FAFSA, Parent Night Activities) to at least 6 times during the 2022-2023 School year.

Members

Community
Keith Cauthen
Lee Andrews-Vice Chair
Donald Gilbert-Chair

Students

Shamara Roberts
James Timmons

Parents

India Dragon
Brandy Weaver-Secretary

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Cortney Gehrke
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Organizations

Anchor Club
Band
Falcon Young Men
FCA
Gamers' Guild
Gospel Choir
JAG
JROTC
Key Club
Lavender Ladies
National Art Honor
Principal Advisory
Student Government
Yearbook



Athletic Programs

Baseball
Basketball
Cheer
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Track and Field
Volleyball
Wrestling

School-wide Accountability and Testing Support

- EOC: End of course Testing- (*English II, Alg I, Bio I, US History*)
- ACT/SAT: College Readiness-(11th grade)
- WIN: Career Readiness- (11th grade)
- Midterms & Finals - (*all grades*)
- MAP testing: All grades
- All core classes are required to teach rigorously and standards based
- ACT/SAT prep classes offered
- Read 180 Classes
- Math 180 Classes
- Test taking strategies are taught explicitly

Falcon Pride

- P perseverance
- R respect
- I integrity
- D dependability
- E xcellence



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<http://dhs.dcsdschools.org/>

Stay Connected

PowerSchool: Student schedules, grades, and attendance
Schoolology: individual class assignments and assessments

Peachjar: School calendars, flyers, updates, etc.

School Connects Calls

All resources can be accessed on our DHS website. Feel free to contact the front office or our student data manager (Ms. Bruce) for any login information.

